

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-19 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Guy Eriksen on 10/27/2008.

In claim 1, line 1, -DOCSIS- is added after the words "In a".

In claim 1, line 8, -data- is added before the word "channels".

In claim 8, line 1, -DOCSIS compliant- is added after the word "bi-directional".

In claim 8, line 9, -data- is added before the words "channels for".

In claim 17, line 1, -DOCSIS- is added after the words "In a".

In claim 17, line 18, -data- is added before the word "channels".

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see Appeal Brief, filed 1/13/2009, with respect to claims 1-19 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-19 has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WANDA Z. RUSSELL whose telephone number is (571)270-1796. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00-6:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema Rao can be reached on (571) 272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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